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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/831,566  
FILED : May 10, 2001  
FOR : WATER-SOLUBLE NANOSTRUCTURED METAL-OXIDE  
COLLOIDS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME  
ART UNIT : 1712  
EXAMINER : D. Metzmaier

October 18, 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

SIR:

This is a petition to extend the period of time two months for responding to the Office  
Action dated May 17, 2004.

Applicant is a small entity.

An amendment is filed herewith.

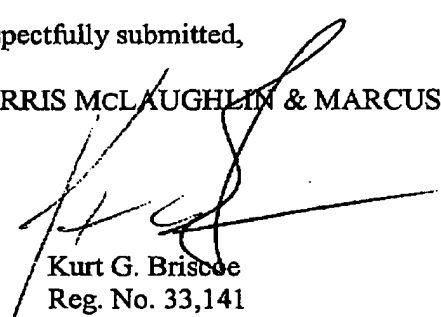
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Please charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263, and please charge the same account for any additional fee required, and please credit the same account for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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